

Revelation 10:1-11  
John is Recommissioned

Introduction: This seems to be the middle of the Tribulation period, covered in chapters 10-14 & 17. There is now a delay of the sounding of the seventh trumpet, and the announcing of the final two woes.

- 1) John is returned to earth—10:1-7 (cf. 8:2) [same scroll as 5:1?]
  - a) The arrival and appearance of a strong angel—10:1 (cf. 5:2)
  - b) The possession and posture of the strong angel—10:2
  - c) The shouting of the strong angel and a response—10:3
  - d) John's recording of the event is forbidden—10:4
  - e) The solemn Godward oath of the strong angel—10:5-6 (cf. Daniel 12:7)
    - i) The Guarantor of the oath—10:6a-b
      - (1) His duration—the Eternal God—lit. “unto the ages of the ages”
      - (2) His ability (wisdom and power)—the Creator God
    - ii) The content of the oath—10:6c-7
      - (1) *that there would be no more delay* (“time”, chronos # 5550), (cf. 6:10-11; 8:3-5)
        - (a) Nothing stands in the way of the God finishing this period of human history
        - (2) <sup>7</sup> *but in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he is about to sound, then the mystery of God is brought to completion, just as He announced the good news to His bondservants the (OT?) prophets.* (cf. Amos 3:7)
          - (a) The seventh trumpet will include the seven bowl judgments, stretched out over several days
          - (b) This is one of several mysteries mentioned in the NT
- 2) John is recommissioned—10:8-11
  - a) Jesus gives commands to John—10:8
  - b) John's conversation with the strong angel—10:9
    - i) The angel gives John commands and promises
  - c) John obeys the strong angel's commands—10:10a
  - d) John experiences the strong angel's promises—10:10b [cf. Psalm 19:10; 119:103; Jeremiah 15:16; Ezekiel 2:8-3:3]
  - e) Beings (“**they** said”) recommission John to prophesy—10:11
    - i) “*It is necessary for you to prophesy again against/concerning many peoples, and against many nations and languages and kings.*”
      - (1) *Peoples* [laos # 2992] is used 9 x total: 2 x prior, and 6 x after
      - (2) *Nations* [ethnos # 1484] is used 24 x total: 3 x prior, and 20 x after
      - (3) *Languages* [glossa # 1100] is used 8 x total: 2 x prior, and 5 x after
      - (4) *Kings* [basileus # 935] is used 22 x total: 4 x prior, and 17 x after